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1. APPRECIATE REPORT REFTEL CONCERNING LIKELY IMPACT OF NEW DUTY ON DEMAND FOR RAW COTTON FROM U. S. AND POINTS CONTAINED PARA 7 REFTEL THAT AGATTACHE HAS ALREADY MADE TO GOP OFFICIALS.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS THAT USG CONCERNED NEW IMPORT DUTY ON RAW COTTON LIKELY TO AFFECT ADVERSELY DEMAND FOR RAW COTTON, WHICH PHILIPPINES IMPORTS FROM U. S., AND LEAD TO COMPETING IMPORTS OF MANMADE FIBERS FROM OTHER SOURCES. SINCE LATTER IMPORTED ENTIRELY

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ON COMMERCIAL TERMS, RESULT WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE IN
INTEREST OF GOP EITHER.

3. USG CONCERNED ABOUT IMPACT OF NEW TARIFF SCHEDULE ON A
NUMBER OF U. S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO PHILIPPINES. SOME
CHANGES PROBABLY MADE WITH EVENTUAL GATT ACCESSION IN VIEW,
AND GOP THEREFORE UNLIKELY TO BE RECEPTIVE AT THIS TIME TO
ARGUMENTS FOR REDUCTION OR SUSPENSION OF DUTIES. NEVER-
THELESS DEPARTMENT BELIEVES EMBASSY SHOULD REGISTER GENERAL
CONCERN OVER THESE CHANGES ADVERSE TO OUR INTERESTS LEST
SILENCE ON OUR PART BE MISINTERPRETED. LATER BILATERAL CON-
SULTATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH GOP ACCESSION TO GATT MAY
OFFER U. S. SOME LEVERAGE FOR OBTAINING REDUCTIONS, AND
PUTTING GOP ON NOTICE OF OUR OBJECTIONS AT THIS TIME COULD
PROVE USEFUL. RUSH

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